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SUBJECT: SWEDISH THREE AXES MACHINE TOOL LICENSING

REF: STATE 197179

1. EMBASSY OFFICIAL RAISED THE ASEA THREE AXES MACHINE TOOL CONTRACT WITH NIKLASSON OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY UPON HIS RETURN FROM VACATION THIS MONTH. EMBASSY OFFICER INQUIRED WHY THE GOS HAD APPARENTLY PUT OFF SO ABRUPTLY A DIALOGUE ON THE CONTRACT.

2. NIKLASSON REPLIED THERE HAD BEEN A STRONG REACTION WITHIN THE GOS ESSENTIALLY BASED ON THE PRESUMPTION THAT THERE WAS "NO SPECIAL FOREIGN COMPONENTRY" IN THE NUCON 400--THAT IS TO SAY IT IS A SWEDISH DESIGNED AND ESSENTIAL A SWEDISH BUILT MACHINE--YET NEVERTHELESS THE USG WAS ATTEMPTING TO EXERCISE SOME INFLUENCE OVER THE CONTRACT'S EXECUTION. NIKLASSON SAID HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE USG UNDERTAKES TO CONTROL THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE SOVIET BLOC IN THE INSTANCE OF US PRODUCTS AND US TECHNOLOGY, BUT THAT HE AND OTHERS IN THE GOS HAD BEEN DISTURBED AT THE PROSPECT OF THE US ASSUMING ANY ROLE IN THE TRANSFER
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OF SWEDISH TECHNOLOGY TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH THE SWEDES HAD WORKED OUT THEIR OWN TRADING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. NIKLASSON DID ADMIT THAT INITIALLY ASEA-ATOM HAD BEEN WILLING TO RECEIVE THE ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF USG BUT, FOR REASONS WHICH HE DID NOT CLEARLY EXPLAIN,

AND AFTER EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE SWEDISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE GOS, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CASE.

4. AN MFA OFFICIAL--NORTH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER FOR ECONOMIC QUESTIONS LILLIEHOOK--ALSO INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "MISUNDERSTANDING" ABOUT THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE MATTER WAS NOW CLOSED.

5. COMMENT. AT THIS POINT THE EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF THE SITUATION IS THAT NO FURTHER APPROACH TO THE GOS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE. AT THE SAME TIME, INTENSE SWEDISH CONCERNS OVER THE STANSAAB EXPORT LICENSE APPLICATION (STOCKHOLM 3421) HAS MADE THE QUESTION OF OUR EXPORT CONTROLS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE. IN OTHER WORDS, THE ATMOSPHERE IS NOT RIGHT FOR RAISING THE NUCON 400 CONTRACT AT THIS TIME.

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